

U.S. Marine Corps. Our Marine Corps is composed of men and women of great character. They are smart, tough, dedicated, and faithful, truly the best America has to offer. For 226 years, they have stood for all that is great about this Nation: honor, courage, and commitment. Their values, sense of courage, and quiet, steadfast character remain timeless and valuable commodities for a time in which our Nation faces the greatest challenge of a generation. I have seen our Marines in action, and I am confident that no obstacle can block their determined path to victory.

Through their great history, Marines have protected America's interests, struggled against our country's foes, and remained at the forefront of our nation's efforts to maintain global peace and stability. In hundreds of distant lands, from Nicaragua to Lebanon, from Saudi Arabia to Somalia, and from Afghanistan to Cuba, Marines restored and maintained order, aided people in distress, provided protection for the weak, and upheld the values that have come to define our country on the world stage. Many made the ultimate sacrifice in the service of their country, and we honor their memory.

I am proud to represent the State of Louisiana, a land which is steeped in Corps history. When the British attacked American forces on the fields of Chalmette outside of New Orleans, a contingent of Marines contributed to an ultimate American victory. This engagement came to be known as the Battle of New Orleans, and served as a powerful statement of American boldness on the battlefield.

It gives me great pride to have the city of New Orleans host the headquarters of the Fourth Marine Division which commands more than 104,000 Reserve Marines nationwide. I am truly grateful for the services that our reserves perform every month. A Marine Corps reservist serves his country an average of 36 days a year. These men and women are of a truly superior caliber, as they dedicate over a month of the year to national service while working hard in the private sector, getting an education, and raising their families.

I would like to extend my personal commendation to the Marines of Bravo Company, First Battalion, Twenty-third Marines as they conclude their deployment to Guantanamo Bay. I want to assure you that the members of the U.S. Senate and the Senate Committee on Armed Services are personally grateful for your service. Our Nation's freedom was won through the toil and sweat of thousands of volunteers who dropped their plows and left their families during the revolution. After they had proved themselves in the realm of battle, they went back to their fields and their families and created our civic institutions. You Marines are the rightful heirs to their tradition, and I trust that our Nation can rely on you to defend our freedom.

As we set out in this new century, the importance of our Marine Corps has never been more clear. Tomorrow, as today and for generations past, the razor sharp readiness of the United States Marine Corps serves as a beacon to America's friends and a warning to our enemies, promising swift action, great victories and richer traditions yet to come.

On this day, I offer my warmest gratitude to Bravo Company, First Battalion, Twenty-third Marines and all who wear the eagle, globe and anchor, and to the families who also serve by supporting them.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. LEE TODD

• Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, I rise today with great pride to ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to one of Kentucky's finest citizens, Dr. Lee Todd. On Friday, February 15, Dr. Lee Todd was officially inaugurated as the University of Kentucky's 11th President.

In 1968, Lee Todd completed the first stage of his relationship with the University of Kentucky when he received his Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering. After completing his undergraduate studies at UK, Dr. Todd earned his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in electrical engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. During his time as a graduate student, he amazingly received six U.S. patents for his innovative work in the area of high-resolution display technology.

Dr. Todd's professional career officially began in 1974 when he embarked on the second stage of his UK relationship by becoming a professor of electrical engineering. During his nine-year tenure as a professor, Dr. Todd published various research articles spanning numerous topics, gave multiple conference presentations, and won several teaching accolades including the prestigious UK Alumni Association Great Teacher Award. He also served on the University Senate for seven years; served on the President's Advisory Committee that established the first Selective Admissions policy; and chaired the College of Engineering Dean Search Committee. In 1981, he temporarily left UK and founded Projectron, Inc., a manufacturing company specializing in the production of cathode ray tubes for the flight simulation industry. The Projectron picture they developed was successfully used in nearly 90 percent of commercial flight simulators as well as numerous military simulators.

Besides his work with Projectron, Inc., Dr. Todd has been significantly involved with various programs attempting to educate the Kentucky citizenry on the areas of economic development and technological advancement. He cofounded a not-for-profit organization called the Kentucky

Science and Technology Corporation, which aims to increase university research capacity and develop science and technology education programs encouraging an entrepreneurial economy in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. He has been appointed to statewide committees related to education and economic development by various Governors, even serving as the chair for Governor Collins' Governor's Council on Science and Technology. He also is a proud member of UK's Engineering Hall of Distinction. Dr. Todd recognizes the rapid pace at which the country and the rest of the world is progressing and understands that Kentucky cannot afford to be left behind clinging to the ways of the past.

Throughout his entire life, Dr. Lee Todd has tirelessly and selflessly worked toward the betterment of Kentucky. He possesses the desired knowledge, vision, and strength to help further advance the University of Kentucky's standing in the academic as well as the athletic community. He has experienced what the University has to offer from the standpoint of a student, teacher, and now president. He is more than prepared to meet head on the various challenges involved in successfully managing UK.

I applaud Dr. Todd's lifelong commitment to the education of Kentucky's future political, economic, and social leaders. Finally, I thank him for accepting the challenge of leading the University of Kentucky into the 21st century. •

IN RECOGNITION OF OSCAR MICHEAUX

• Mr. TORRICELLI. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Oscar Micheaux, one of the pioneers of American film. Though Mr. Micheaux passed away over fifty years ago, the Fort Lee Film Commission has chosen to honor his historic contributions to the American film industry as part of its Black History Month celebrations.

In every age, in every walk of life, there is an individual who possesses the vision to move their craft forward in previously unimaginable ways. Oscar Micheaux opened a door for many visionary film makers who were too follow him. With the production of "The Homesteader," Mr. Micheaux became the first African-American to produce a silent film. In 1931, his production, "The Exile," became the first African-American "talkie" to be produced. He also holds the distinction of being the first African-American to have one of his films open in a white owned theater.

As a credit to his work, Oscar Micheaux has been honored for his work with a star on Hollywood's "Walk of Fame". As the Fort Lee Film Commission honors this groundbreaking individual, I wish to express my gratitude at being able to honor such an influential film producer. The film industry has truly been enriched for his contributions. •

CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKS TO BERTHA GLOTZBACH

• Mr. BROWNBACK. Mr. President, on April 23, 1941, the United States was at peace, although Europe and Asia were not. Citizen Kane was to open and be hailed as the best American film ever. A new baseball season was just underway and would see Joe Dimaggio hit safely in 56 straight games. On that day, Bertha Glotzbach reported to work at the Department of Labor.

Here it is almost 61 years later and Ms. Glotzbach, a native of Topeka, KS, is ending her career in Government service. For most of her time in Government Ms. Glotzbach has worked as a secretary for the U.S. Agency for International Development and its predecessor agencies. Ms. Glotzbach was there almost at the creation—joining the Economic Cooperation Agency less than a year after it was established to implement the Marshall Plan. Through the years she has worked diligently and tirelessly in a number of different offices within USAID, most often in the Office of the General Counsel.

Ms. Glotzbach is a special person—a person whose dedication and devotion to her work has demonstrated the best of what we should expect from public servants. Over the course of her valuable service to her country she has earned the respect and affection of all who have worked with her. She has made their lives easier by the way she has carried out her responsibilities. One expects nothing less from a Kansas native, but she shines above others.

On March 1, 2002, Ms. Glotzbach will retire. USAID and the country will lose a valuable civil servant. Bertha, we wish you well in your retirement. Thank you for over 60 years of dedicated service to this country. Your Nation is grateful.●

SPEAKER ROBERT HERTZBERG'S DEDICATION TO CALIFORNIA

• Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I am pleased to rise to reflect on the work of California Speaker Robert M. Hertzberg, who has left the post of Speaker after presiding over the Assembly for 2 extraordinary years.

Most of all, Bob Hertzberg will be remembered as a leader at a time of crisis, first with the State's energy crisis, and then the aftermath of the September 11 attacks.

When California came face-to-face with its energy crisis, Bob worked to identify the problems and craft legislation to solve them. Bob's leadership and unwavering commitment helped California to avoid blackouts and control utility costs.

On September 11, we experienced events that changed our Nation forever. Bob Hertzberg swiftly established a State Task Force on the Impact of Terrorism on California to assess what California needed to do to protect itself from future terrorist attacks. The task force heard testimony from law en-

forcement officials, business leaders, economists and health officials, and drafted thorough reports for the State Legislature.

Bob Hertzberg is a leader to create a better future for our children. In 1998, he helped pass, with the help of former Speaker Antonio Villaraigosa, what was the largest school construction bond in America's history. The \$9.2 billion bond included record funding for schools, colleges and universities. This funding helped construct more than 500 schools and modernize more than 2,000 existing schools throughout the State. On December 14, 2000, Bob introduced the Kindergarten, University, Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2002, an even larger bond that would allocate \$12 billion for the construction and modernization of elementary schools, colleges and universities. Similar to the previous measure, it would help schools meet the needs of a rapidly growing student population.

Bob Hertzberg is a great representative of the San Fernando Valley and a leader for all of California. He has been a strong leader when we needed it the most. I thank Bob for his great contributions to our State over the years, and wish him well in the future.●

NINETIETH ANNIVERSARY OF HA- DASSAH, THE WOMEN'S ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

• Mr. HAGEL. Mr. President, I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the 90th anniversary of Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America.

With over 300,000 members and 1,500 chapters across the country, Hadassah is the largest Jewish women's membership organization in the United States. Hadassah's mission is to promote a prosperous and peaceful Israel, ensure Jewish continuity, pursue social justice, and provide for the health, education, and well-being of American Jewish women and their families.

I would also add that Hadassah plays a central role in reinforcing the close and intimate bonds of friendship, solidarity, and shared values between the United States and Israel.

Hadassah was founded in 1912 by educator and visionary Henrietta Szold, who had long been committed to the ideal of a Jewish homeland and the Jewish imperative for social justice. After her first visit to Palestine, Szold transformed her small women's study circle into a dynamic social action committee dedicated to meet the challenges of poverty, filth, and disease in Palestine. In 1913, two American nurses set up community health and maternity care stations in Jerusalem. These health centers became the foundation of Israel's medical infrastructure.

Today in Israel, Hadassah supports the most advanced medical center in the region, comprised of two hospitals, 90 outpatient clinics, and numerous community health centers. Hadassah Medical Organization, HMO, its flag-

ship project, provides state-of-the-art health care to 600,000 patients a year regardless of race, religion, or creed, and often treats the most critically wounded in the region's ongoing conflicts.

Through the Congressionally-funded American Schools and Hospital Abroad, ASHA, program, HMO stands ready to serve American military troops should such a need ever arise. HMO sites have been visited by numerous heads of state, American Congressional delegations and administration officials, state and local leaders, and other public opinion makers.

In addition to Hadassah Medical Organization, Hadassah funds and maintains four other major programs in Israel and the United States:

Hadassah Israel Education Services, which provides cutting-edge technical training, retraining, and vocational guidance for all Israeli citizens;

Youth Aliya founded to bring children of the Holocaust to Palestine, now provides housing, education, and support to disadvantaged Israeli and immigrant youth;

Young Judaea, which includes clubs, camps, and programs for American teenagers to build connections to Israel and Jewish life; and

The Jewish National Fund, which supports the building of parks, plants and trees, and other initiatives to preserve Israel's ecology and natural resources.

As part of its global humanitarian commitment, Hadassah provides medical personnel and training and relief services during international health crises, including those in Bosnia-Herzegovina and Rwanda.

Throughout the United States, Hadassah members are engaged in a wide range of educational, advocacy, and community service initiatives. Hadassah's education services include women's health seminars and Hebrew language classes. Hadassah members also help to shape public opinion and policy through advocacy work on issues ranging from United States-Israel relations to first amendment protections to women's rights and health concerns. In communities across the United States, Hadassah members have also launched many projects aimed at improving the lives of women and their families. Hadassah's members are represented in every Congressional district in the United States.

Thank you, Mr. President, for this opportunity to acknowledge the contributions that Hadassah has made to the promotion of humanity, compassion, and community, in Israel, the United States, and worldwide.●

RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOLS IN MARYLAND

• Mr. SARBANES. Mr. President, I am proud to recognize the nine elementary schools throughout Maryland that were selected as Blue Ribbon School Award winners in 2001. These schools